



Hearing Notice

Revised Draft Air Operating Permit for SDS Lumber Company

Background

The Washington Clean Air Act of 1991 required the Department of Ecology (Ecology) to develop a program in which certain industrial and commercial air pollution sources are issued five-year renewable operating permits in accordance with the federal Clean Air Act. The goal of the program is to enhance accountability and compliance by clarifying in a single document which requirements apply to a given business or industry.

Ecology has released a revised draft Air Operating Permit for SDS Lumber Company (SDS). SDS is a sawmill and plywood manufacturer located at Walnut and Steuben Streets in the City of Bingen, Klickitat County, Washington. SDS manufactures studs, dimensional lumber, plywood, and wood chips. Sources of air emissions consist of a hog fuel boiler, two veneer dryers, a drying kiln, a stud mill, a band mill, a wood chipper, miscellaneous wood processing equipment, and multiple emission control devices.

Two major changes reflected in the revised draft AOP have resulted from events which occurred since the previous draft was written. Those requirements for SDS Lumber Co. that were to be triggered by the operation of the proposed Klickitat Energy Partners (KEP) power generation project have been removed from the AOP. Ecology on April 2, 1998, determined that the Notice of Construction approval for KEP was void and subsequently rescinded Order No. DE 94AQ-C193 which contained the KEP related requirements for SDS Lumber. The second major change is the addition of a compliance schedule, requiring the installation of an electrostatic precipitator (ESP) to reduce emissions from the SDS Lumber hog fuel boiler by December, 1998.

The Public Hearing

When: Wednesday, May 13, 1998 at 7:00 p.m.

Where: White Salmon Park Center Auditorium

170 NW Lincoln Street (entrance on Washington between Jewett & Main)

White Salmon, Washington

Before taking formal testimony, Ecology representatives will explain the permitting process and the applicable air quality regulations and answer questions about the revised draft Air Operating Permit.

Opportunity to Comment

The comment period for this action begins on April 11, 1998 with the notice of the issuance of the revised draft Air Operating Permit. You may submit written or oral testimony at the public hearing on May 13. You may also submit written or faxed comments until May 22, 1998:

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No proposed permit will be issued until the public comment period has ended and Ecology has prepared a response to the comments received.

What is an Air Operating Permit?

The permit rule requires certain types of sources to obtain operating permits. These sources include those that have the potential to emit more than 100 tons per year of a regulated pollutant. The source is required to obtain a permit even if a source's actual emissions are below that amount. A source may opt out of the permit program by accepting a federally enforceable limitation to keep its emissions below 100 tons per year.

SDS is required to obtain an air operating permit based upon their potential to emit respirable particulate matter (PM₁₀) at 154.4 tons/yr and carbon monoxide (CO) at 152 tons/yr. SDS' 1996 actual, non-fugitive emissions for PM₁₀ and CO were 92 tons/yr and 70 tons/yr, respectively.

An air operating permit authorizes a business or industry that emits air pollution to legally operate under specified terms and conditions. The permit organizes all of a source's air pollution control obligations into one document. The draft permit includes:

- *Emission Limitations and Standards* - The permit identifies all applicable requirements and specifies limits and conditions designed to assure compliance with those requirements.
- *Monitoring* – The permit specifies an appropriate monitoring methodology (including analytical methods, monitoring frequency, etc.) for demonstrating compliance with each applicable emission limitation and standard.
- *Reporting and Recordkeeping* – The permit specifies the types of information needed to document compliance and how often this information will be reported to the permitting authority.
- *Compliance Certifications* – The permit includes a schedule for submitting compliance certifications signed by a responsible official. These certify the source's compliance status for each applicable requirement. Compliance certifications must be submitted at least annually.
- *General provisions* – The permit also contains a number of standard provisions such as permit fees, property access, duty to comply, etc.

For More Information

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Review Copies Available

Documents pertaining to this proposed action are available for public viewing at:

Department of Ecology
Central Regional Office
15 West Yakima Avenue, Suite 200
Yakima, Washington

White Salmon Community Library
142 East Jewett Blvd.
White Salmon, Washington

If you have special accommodation needs, please call Christine Corrigan at (509) 454-7845 (voice) or (509) 454-7673 (TDD) at least ten days before the hearing you wish to attend.